What is claimed is:

1. A method for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, comprising:

reproducing audio information stored in each segment of said audio information sequence; and

reproducing prescribed audio information stored in a particular storage area for informing a user of an end of each segment before the playback of a next segment is started.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said particular storage area is a prescribed area of said record medium.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said particular storage area is a prescribed storage area of a playback device which plays back said record medium.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said prescribed audio information is audio information of an alarm sound.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein said prescribed audio information is blank audio information for silence.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

detecting a switching operation requesting switching of audio information sequence to be played back; and

reproducing audio information stored in a segment of another audio information sequence corresponding to the segment being played back if the switching operation is received before the playback of the next segment.

7. A method for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, comprising:

reproducing audio information stored in each segment of said audio information sequence; and

displaying prescribed image information for informing a user of approaching an end of the segment before the playback of a next segment is started.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the display of said prescribed image information is started when remaining playback time of the segment being played back decreased to a preset time length.

9. The method according to claim 7, wherein the display of said prescribed image information is cleared when the playback of the next segment is started.

10. The method according to claim 7, wherein said prescribed image information is image information of a counter which varies depending on the remaining playback time of the segment.

11. The method according to claim 7, wherein said prescribed image information is lighting/blinking of one or more light emitting modules which varies depending on the remaining playback time of the segment.

12. The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

detecting a switching operation requesting switching of audio information sequence to be played back; and

reproducing audio information stored in a segment of another audio information sequence corresponding to the segment being played back if the switching operation is received before the playback of a next segment.

13. A record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, comprising:

a particular area storing prescribed audio information to be reproduced for informing a user of an end of each segment before the playback of a next segment is started.

14. The record medium according to claim 13, wherein said

prescribed audio information is audio information of alarm sound.

15. The record medium according to claim 13, wherein said prescribed audio information is blank audio information for silence.

16. A playback device for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, comprising:

an audio information reproduction module which reproduces audio information stored in each segment of said audio information sequence; and

a prescribed audio information reproduction module which reproduces prescribed audio information stored in a particular storage area for informing a user of an end of each segment before the playback of a next segment is started by said audio information reproduction module.

17. The playback device according to claim 16, further comprising a storage module having said particular storage area for storing said prescribed audio information.

18. The playback device according to claim 16, further comprising:

a switching operation reception module which receives a

switching operation requesting switching of audio information sequence to be played back;

a switching module which switches the audio information sequence to be played back when said switching operation reception module received the switching operation;

a position storage module which stores the position of playback before the switching of the audio information sequence;

a control module which determines a segment to be played back based on the position stored in the position storage module and the audio information sequence switched by said switching module.

19. The playback device according to claim 18, wherein said audio information reproduction module reproduces audio information stored in a segment of another audio information sequence corresponding to the segment being played back if the switching operation is received by said switching operation reception module before the playback of the next segment.

20. The playback device according to claim 16, wherein said prescribed audio information is audio information of alarm sound.

21. The playback device according to claim 16, wherein said prescribed audio information is blank audio information for silence.

22. A playback device for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, comprising:

an audio information reproduction module which reproduces audio information stored in each segment of said audio information sequence;

a storage module which stores prescribed image information for informing a user of approaching an end of each segment;

a display module which displays said prescribed image information;

a control module which controls said display module to display said prescribed image information before the playback of a next segment is started.

23. The playback device according to claim 22, wherein said control module controls said display module to start the display of said prescribed image information when remaining playback time of the segment being played back decreased to a preset time length.

24. The playback device according to claim 22, wherein said control module clears the display of said prescribed image information when the playback of the next segment is started.

25. The playback device according to claim 22, wherein said prescribed image information is image information of a counter which varies depending on the remaining playback time of the segment.

26. The playback device according to claim 22, further comprising one or more light emitting modules which light/blink based on said prescribed image information.

27. The playback device according to claim 22, wherein said audio information reproduction module reproduces audio information stored in a segment of another audio information sequence corresponding to the segment being played back if a switching operation requesting switching of audio information sequence to be played back is received before the playback of the next segment.

28. A Computer program product for instructing a computer, microprocessor unit, etc. to execute a process for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, wherein the playback process comprises the steps of:

reproducing audio information stored in each segment of said audio information sequence; and

reproducing prescribed audio information stored in a

particular storage area for informing a user of an end of each segment before the playback of a next segment is started.

29. A Computer program product for instructing a computer, microprocessor unit, etc. to execute a process for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, wherein the playback process comprises the steps of:

reproducing audio information stored in each segment of said audio information sequence; and

displaying prescribed image information for informing a user of approaching an end of the segment before the playback of a next segment is started.